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### **District man Pleads Guilty to Second Degree Sexual Abuse of a Minor and Attempted Second Degree Cruelty to Children**

WASHINGTON - A 25-year old man, Timothy Jenkins, formerly of 706 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SE, Washington, D.C., pleaded guilty Friday in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to one count of second degree sexual abuse of a minor and attempted second degree cruelty to children for his assaults involving two different victims, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced today. Jenkins is scheduled to be sentenced before the Honorable Michael Rankin on July 16, 2010. He is facing a sentence of 1½ to 3½ years of incarceration under the D.C. Superior Court voluntary sentencing guidelines.

According to the government's evidence, on October 7, 2009, Jenkins was visiting his then-girlfriend, who lived in the same apartment building as Jenkins in Potomac Gardens. At the time, Jenkins' girlfriend was charged with taking care of the victim, a 17-year-old female relative of hers.

Jenkins and the victim were chasing one another around the girlfriend's apartment when Jenkins took off his belt and acted as though he was going to hit the victim with it. Before he could hit her, however, the victim grabbed the belt. As she turned her back toward the defendant and used both hands to try to pull the belt out of Jenkins' hands, the victim's oversized pants and boxer shorts fell down. Before the victim could pull them back up, Jenkins sexually assaulted her.

Then, on February 24, 2010, while Jenkins was on pre-trial release in the sexual assault case, he assaulted a five-year old boy who had thrown a snowball and accidentally hit Jenkins with it. Jenkins hit the little boy in the face. That incident occurred in the courtyard of 706 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SE. The defendant's own mother, who knew the five-year old boy from the neighborhood, took the boy to some nearby police officers and reported the assault. The officers then approached the defendant and asked him what happened. Jenkins told the police that he had hit the five-year old boy because the boy had hit him with a snowball, and that the five-year old got what he deserved.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the work of MPD Detectives Darryn Robinson and Bridgette Parish of MPD's Youth Division; MPD First District Officers Michael V. Touart, Robert Johnson and Mark Clark; and D.C. Housing Authority Officer Samuel Wardell in the sexual assault case. In the cruelty-to-children case, U.S. Attorney Machen also praised D.C. Housing Authority Officers Sonya Cobbs, Reginal Strother and Walter Tweedy. He also praised the work of paralegals Joyce Arthur and Jason Manuel; legal assistants Tanisha "Nikki" Nelson and Charmonique Price; and victim advocates Veronica Vaughan and Tracey Hawkins. Finally, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorneys Peter V. Taylor and Paul Crane, who investigated and prosecuted the cases.

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